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(U) Auburn – 50,000 Fentanyl Pills Found During Traffic Stop in Placer County

(U) Tens of thousands of illegal fentanyl pills were recovered in Northern California during a routine traffic stop. A Placer County's K-9 found about 50,000 fentanyl pills weighing about 12-pounds on Monday. Five aluminum foil-lined packages were found vacuum sealed with plastic was found by a deputy. Each package contained about 10,000 tablets of fentanyl, authorities said. Four cell phones along with hundreds of dollars in cash were also found. Brigido Lopez-Beltran, 27, and Joaquin Mardueno, 32, were both arrested for the possession and sale of narcotics. SOURCE: 3 September 2022, KCRA

(U) Los Angeles – Los Angeles Unified School District Hit by Hackers in Apparent Cyber-Attack

(U) The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) experienced an apparent cyber-attack on its information technology systems over the weekend. The district contacted federal officials, prompting the White House to mobilize a response from the US Department of Education, the FBI, and DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). District officials described the incident as "likely criminal in nature," and said they were assessing the situation with law enforcement agencies. Schools will open as scheduled Tuesday despite significant disruption to system infrastructure. SOURCE: 5 September 2022, FOX 11

(U) Sacramento – City Leaders Speak Out After Anti-Semitic Incidents at Area Colleges

(U) Sacramento city and community leaders spoke out on Friday after images of Nazi swastikas were found inside a classroom at Sacramento State University on Thursday and near the campus on Friday. University police are investigating both incidents. The displays were the latest of several recent anti-Semitic incidents at colleges across the region. Racist and anti-Semitic banners were hung across a bicycle overpass at UC Davis over the previous two weekends. At American River College, swastika graffiti was found in a campus bathroom on Wednesday evening.

SOURCE: 2 September 2022, KCRA

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(U) District of Columbia – Samsung Admits Data Breach That Exposed Details of Some US Customers
(U) Washington – Samsung on Friday said it experienced a cybersecurity incident that resulted in the

unauthorized access of some US customer information. The company said its systems were compromised in late July 2022. Samsung later discovered on 4 August that customer personal information was accessed and exfiltrated out of its network including names, contact and demographic information, dates of birth, and product registration details. This is the second data breach Samsung confirmed since the start of the year, after the data extortion group Lapsus\$ breached its network and stole confidential information, including Galaxy devices' source code in March.

SOURCE: 3 September 2022, The Hacker News

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(U) Indiana – Patriot Front Marches Through Downton Indianapolis During Labor Fest

(U) Indianapolis – On Saturday, approximately 75 members of the Patriot Front marched from the grounds of the Statehouse down to Monument Circle during Indy Laborfest. The mayor of Indianapolis has condemned the march. The group's website listed Indiana as one of its top three activity states after Patriot Front stickers and posters were found on the IU-Fort Wayne campus last winter. SOURCE: 6 September 2022, FOX 59

(U) Mississippi – Man Steals Plane and Threatens to Crash Into a Walmart

(U) Ripley – An airport worker who knew how to take off but not land stole a small airplane Saturday and threatened to crash it into a Walmart, circling for five-hours over unnerved Mississippians before ending the flight safely in a soybean field where police arrested him. Cory Wayne Patterson, 29, was uninjured after the rough landing shortly after posting a goodbye message to his parents and sister on Facebook, authorities said at a news conference.

SOURCE: 3 September 2022, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Suicide Attack at Russia Embassy Kills Two Diplomats

(U) Kabul – Two Russian Embassy staff members in Kabul, Afghanistan, were killed when a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the entrance of the embassy in a blast that injured 11 other people, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday. Police said two people had died in the incident but did not give their identities, while the attacker was shot dead by armed guards as he approached the gate. SOURCE: 5 September 2022, NBC News

(U) Argentina – Jammed Gun Foils Suspected Neo-Nazi Assassination Attempt on Vice President

(U) Buenos Aires – On Thursday, a man attempted to assassinate Argentine Vice President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner outside her Buenos Aires home, but the loaded handgun he aimed at her face apparently failed to fire. The suspect was arrested and identified as Fernando Andre Sabag Montiel, 35, a Brazilian with a criminal history and a Nazi tattoo. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner also served as the country's President from 2007 to 2015 before taking office as vice president in 2019. SOURCE: 3 September 2022, CNN

(U) Burkina Faso - Suspected Jihadi Bomb Hits Convoy in Burkina Faso; 35 dead

(U) Ouagadougou – A suspected jihadi roadside bomb hit a convoy in northern Burkina Faso, killing at least 35 people and injuring dozens more. The supply convoy escorted by the army was hit Monday while driving between Bourzanga and Djibo towns with one of the vehicles carrying civilians. The wounded have been evacuated and the area of the explosion has been secured. Although no group immediately claimed responsibility for the bomb, it is suspected to be by Islamic extremist rebels. SOURCE: 6 September 2022, ABC News

(U) Canada – One Suspect Found Dead in Canadian Mass Stabbings That Killed 10, Injured 18

(U) Saskatchewan – Canadian police on Monday found one of the suspects in a mass stabbing spree dead while the other suspect, his brother, was still on the run and may be injured, officials said. The brothers Damien and Myles Sanderson are suspected of murdering 10 people and wounding 18 in a stabbing rampage in an indigenous community in Saskatchewan on Sunday. In a manhunt involving hundreds of police officers, Damien Sanderson, 31, was found dead in a grassy area on the James Smith Cree Nation, possibly killed by his brother, who had been previously wanted for violent crimes. SOURCE: 5 September 2022, Reuters

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(U) Poland – California Based Neo-Nazi Arrested in Poland

(U) Oswiecim – Polish authorities arrested American tourist Jon Minadeo Jr. of Petaluma for violating the country's hate speech laws after demonstrating in front of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. He was released shortly after. His arrest represents the first time Minadeo has publicly faced legal repercussions for spreading anti-Semitic propaganda. Local media first wrote about Minadeo in late February, when a Napa neighborhood was blanketed with anti-Semitic flyers bearing the imprint of GoyimTV, Minadeo's media brand. The incident was related to similar episodes around the Bay Area in the preceding weeks.

SOURCE: 4 September 2022, The Press Democrat

(U) Yemen - Al-Qa'ida Attack Kills 20 Yemeni Forces in Abyan

(U) Aden – Al-Qa'ida militants killed some 20 Yemeni security force members in an assault in the southern Abyan province on Tuesday, a southern military spokesperson said, before all eight attackers were killed. The militants used rocket-propelled grenades, light and medium weapons, and military vehicles in the ambush on a security checkpoint in Ahwar district.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, Reuters

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